

To: FCC

Re: Proceeding 04-233, LPFM

Recently I found out about a proposal to allow LPFM stations to take priority over current FM translators. I am writing to express my concern and disapproval for this proposal. While LPFM stations can provide valuable information to the public and should continue to exist, it is unfair to allow them priority over current FM translators, which also provide a valuable service to the community.

As a listener and supporter of KLOVE, I have seen that FM translator services are important to the community. Specifically, finding and listening to KLOVE has offered me help and guidance for my life. Although it is a Christian station, I have found it so much more than a religious entity. It offers hope and inspiration to those who listen to it, regardless of their religious choice. I would like to highlight the following:

- KLOVE offers information and tips for dealing with difficult situations. When my husband was out of work, which caused conflict in our marriage, KLOVE's Focus on the Family and Embracing Marriage broadcasts gave me new insight into how to strengthen my family and my relationship with my husband. It also provides a way to tell listeners that there is help available to them. If I had not listened to the station, I wouldn't have known that there were pastors and counselors that I could call if I needed help, and I would not have heard about local community events or the works of other listeners.
- KLOVE offers a way for all Christians, and any others who would like to participate or learn, to embrace a common faith. Being a Catholic, I have found that it is difficult within a community that has multiple churches to avoid a reality of competition, intolerance, and general misunderstanding. KLOVE reaches out to all people, focusing on the good we all share. It has helped me to embrace people of different religions, to engage them, and to befriend them.
- KLOVE offers a safe environment for my family and community. In what can be a very scary world for those who raise or otherwise involve themselves in children's lives, the KLOVE station requires no 7-second delay. I do not have to be afraid to hear a song that is inappropriate for a 5 year old, and I have a place to turn to when I don't feel like listening to broadcasts that would be. I also do not have to worry about children being advertised to for things their parents may not approve of. While I personally do not feel that other broadcasts are bad in and of themselves (I listen to many other radio stations as well), I find it refreshing that there is a station that does offer an alternative, if people choose.
- KLOVE offers what we can all agree is moral direction. While it is in the context of Christianity, what the station urges would be considered "good" and "right" to all people. Teaching our kids and ourselves not to cheat, steal, and lie and instead teaching us to give, love, and respect is something I'm sure the vast majority of Americans would deem as worthy.
- Finally, KLOVE offers faith-based programming. Faith of any type has always been a core value for Americans. Even those who are not religious at all are likely to agree that faith is important to others and that they should pursue it if they choose. Faith has proven to have a positive impact on any community because it affects people in positive ways who then extend that to their community.

Without a service like KLOVE, my community would not experience the positive effects above. It is the positive effects listed above that show how KLOVE is in the public's interest. Replacing the service with a LPFM would have a negative impact.

I urge you to not allow LPFM stations to have priority over existing stations. Instead, LPFM stations should be provided in a way that does not conflict with existing stations.

Thank You
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